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Title : Need to provide sufficient funds to Manipur state.

DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA (INNER MANIPUR): We are all aware that every year annual Plan size of different States of the country are fixed in Plan meetings and different yardsticks are applied for different States depending on various parameters, more particularly for the special category States of Jammu and Kashmir and the States of the North Eastern Region. These States do not have enough revenue collection to run their Governments. So, they depend on the grants that are released by the Union Government.

In a recently held such meeting on the 4th of August in a not so very cordial atmosphere, my State Manipur was refused the proposed Plan size. The State was denied even 20 per cent increase from the previous Plan size whereas other sister States of the North-Eastern region were given 30 to 35 per cent increase over the previous year's Plan size. The Commission proposed to provide only 10 per cent increase. I would like to ask as to why is this discrimination being made. The meeting totally lost its desired cordiality. But it is, however, learnt that a 20 per cent increase over the previous year's Plan size has now been agreed upon. This type of bargaining does not speak well for the polity. No order to this effect has been issued yet.

Madam, under the circumstances, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Government of India that the Planning Commission should consider the request of these special category States, particularly my State Manipur which is very badly affected by insurgent activities. These States should be given more humane consideration so that the developmental works of the States are implemented successfully and on time. This would go a long way towards solving the many critical problems and issues being faced by these problem-ridden special category States like Manipur.

सभापति महोदया : भोला सिंह जी द्वारा बोले गए शब्द को हटा दिया जाए क्योंकि वह अनपार्लियामेंटरी है।

18.53 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

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